

**SAVANNAH'S
ANTI-POVERTY TASK FORCE**

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 24, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce

I. Welcome and Introductions – Anne Roise

II. Housekeeping – Julie Lamy

- A. Updated Task Force Contact List / Sign-in Sheet
- B. Task Force Listserv

III. Host Spotlight: Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce – Ruthann Walsh

IV. Vision/Mission Statement – Anne Roise

V. January Poverty Simulation - Julie Lamy

VI. Reports from Workgroups

- A. Resource Collaboration – Valerie Brown
- B. Wage Standards – Bernie Polite
- C. Case Management Systems – Julie Lamy
- D. Ad-hoc – Sr. Pat Baber

VII. Information Sharing

- A. Upcoming Task Force member events
- B. Other announcements

VIII. Upcoming Task Force Meetings & Venues

March 23
April 27
May 25

Savannah Entrepreneurial Center
Chatham Department of Family and Children Services

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IX. Welcome and Introductions

Sr. Pat Baber, Dr. Victoria Bertolozzi, Alan Bray, Meketa Brown, Earnest Dailey, Alex Ikefuna, Julie Lamy, Bernard Polite, Anne Roise, Ruthann Walsh.

X. Housekeeping

- C. The Task Force contact list was circulated for corrections and additions.
2. The listserv is still the source for past meeting summaries, host presentations and general Task Force information. The City is working on a website page accessed through the City's website for the Task Force.

XI. Review of last meeting

The December 16 meeting summary was approved as presented. The Poverty Simulation took the place of the January 27 meeting.

XII. Host Spotlight: Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce – Ruthann Walsh

The Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce with a membership of over 2,000 is focused on workforce development. Workforce development is one of the Chamber's top priorities for the past 4 years and will remain a priority for the next 10 years. The Chamber is actively involved in workforce development through Project Workforce, an initiative facilitated by the Chamber. Project Workforce was developed in order to align our workforce/education delivery systems with the needs of our citizens and area employers. The Project Workforce strategy is to develop a seamless community-wide education and workforce system that is closely linked to jobs in targeted industries that offer career growth opportunities. Project Workforce is providing successful training and employment opportunities in neighborhood based centers through collaborations in the healthcare industry. Project Workforce is now working on the second growing industry: Office Support. For more information, contact Tina Bonifacio at the Chamber at 644.6440.

XIII. Vision/Mission Statement

The Task Force finalized its Vision Statement and Subcommittee Objectives and Strategies. [See attachment for details.]

XIV. Reports from Workgroups

[Note: Time did not permit for complete reports from each workgroup.]

- A. Wage Standards: The former Living Wage Subcommittee announced a name change. The Wage Standards subcommittee will work toward completion of their objectives and strategies.
- B. Ad-hoc: The Ad-hoc committee unveiled the concept for the fall event. Two to four weeks prior to the fall event, 75 CEOs, elected officials and representatives from key industries/sectors will be invited to a poverty simulation. Following the simulation, the 75 will sign a declaration of support or similar document in support of the Task Force's mission and identify up to 2 individuals from their organization to represent them in the development of a community-wide anti-poverty plan. At the fall event (slated for October), the organization representatives will participate in a simulation. Following the simulation, the representatives and the 75 will reconvene for a lunch and guest speaker. Following lunch, the representatives will break out by industry and develop action plans for their particular industry/organization. Day 2 will include a regional best practices session and topical public forum.

XV. Upcoming Task Force Meetings & Venues

Tuesday, March 23

Savannah Entrepreneurial Center at 10am

Guest Speakers: Barry Eckert and Letty Shearer of AASU will present information about the Colonias Program.